2. *Bombay*:

1. Replacement of Pir Pau oil Pier.
2. Replacement of Submarine Piplines.

3. *Madras:*

1. Satellite Port at Ennore.
2. Extension South Quay III berth and mondernisation of East Quay berth.

4. *Cochin:*

1. Container Terminal.
2. Deepening of COT Channel.

5. *Vizag:*

1. Conversion of WJI, WJ2 & WJ3 jetties into full-fledged berths.
2. Construction of LPG jetty
3. Construction of EQ7 berth in inner harbour.
4. Multipurpose berth in Outer harbour

6. *Kandla*:

1. 7th Cargo berth.
2. 3rd Oil jetty.

7. *Mormugao:*

1. Additional general cargo berth.

8. *Paradip:*

1. Mechanised handling facilities for handling thermal coal and construction of two berths.
2. Multipurpose cargo berth.
3. Extension of West Quay.

9. *New Mangalore*:

1. Balance portion of additional berths on Western side of Eastern dock.
2. Crude & POL products handling facilities for MRPL.

10. *Tuticorin*:

1. Second coal jetty.
2. Multipurpose berth No. 7.

11. *Jawaharlal Nehru:*

1. Approach/bridge to service berth.

Foreign Investment in Shipping and Port Sector

4036. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is expected to receive foreign investment of Rs. 200 million dollars in the shipping and port sectors in 1994;

(b) if so, whether the Minister of Surface Transport visited a number of countries during the months of May and June 1994; including Norway, Britain and Dubai;

(c) if so, whether these countries have assured to have a foreign investment in shipping and port sectors;

(d) if so, whether any argeement with these countries have been signed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government has invited foreign investment by private participation. Enquiries from various foreign countries are being received. It is, however, not possible to quantify the exact foreign investment in shipping and ports sectors in 1994 at this stage.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Financial irregularities committed in construction of Nhava Sheva Port

4037. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in its Annual Report has revealed increase of expenditure by 90% on construction of Port Nhava Sheva in Bombay, causing a loss of Rs. 465 crores.

(b) whether it is also a fact that CAG has revealed an infructuous expenditure of Rs. 277 crores by the Bombay Port Trust owing to massive underutilisation of cargo handling equipment at the Port;

(c) if so, what action Government contemplate to check repetition of such irregularities; and

(d) what action Government propose to isolate the guilty officials and what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Increase in cost of construction is due to

reasons beyond the control of the Port authorities, like variation in foreign exchange rates and increase in Statutory duties and levies, etc. This cannot be termed as a loss.

(c) Close monitoring and timely completion of projects will assist in preventing cost overrun.

(d) Those found guilty will be dealt with as per rules.

Pension Scheme for DTC Employees

4038. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government had announced the introduction of pension scheme for employees of Delhi Transport Corporation duly approved by the Union Cabinet on 30th October, 1992

(b) whether it is also a fact that initially the pension scheme was to be operated by the Life Insurance Corporation which backed out after some time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that DTC later on decided to implement the scheme departmentally;

(d) whether the pension scheme is under implementation;

(e) if so, by when the pension scheme is likely to be given effect to; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) As the Life Insurance Corporation of India declined to implement the scheme, DTC had no option but to decide to implement the Pension Scheme on its own. DTC's proposal in this regard is under consideration of the Government.

Recommendations by National Shipping Board

4039. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the National Shipping Board has submitted a series of recommendations to revive and encourage the Indian Shipping Industries;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the National Shipping Board;

(c) whether the National Shipping Board has made any suggestions on the utilisation of Indian Shipyards like the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. of Visakhapatnam;

(d) whether Government have acted on any of these suggestions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) yes Sir.

(b) The National Shipping Board has been recommending from time to time a number of measures to encourage the Indian Shipping Industry. Some of the important recommendations are (i) Cargo Support to Indian Shipping (ii) Amendments to Merchant Shipping Act with a view to facilitate borrowing from foreign financial institutions and remove restrictions in acquisition and sale of ships (iii) Fiscal Incentives to Indian Shipping Industry (iv) Acquisition of Ro Ro Vessels (v) Augmentation in Indian Tonnage (vi) The Shipping Companies should offer competitive freight rates and promote measures to strengthen their professional management (vii) Improved productivity in Ports and the Shipping Sector as a whole.

(c) The National Shipping Board at its meeting held on 30th July, 1994 has decided to constitute a Sub-Group to study the measures to maximise the capacity utilisation of Indian Shipyards.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Establishing Traffic Management Centres

4040. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in The Financial Express dated 3rd August, 1994 captioned "Smart Cars to Check Mishaps on Indian Roads";